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### The Annual for 1899

According to announcement, the Annual for 1899 is now ready and orders will be filled as rapidly as they come in. The contents of the Annual are (1) A first class Almanac, such as every family wants and needs. (2) A corrected list of the ministers of the Brethren church. (3) A Biographical sketch of Elder J. P. Wolfe, with cut of the deceased. (4) Short Parables, by B. C. Moomaw. These are rich in truth, and are alone worth the price of the Annual. (5) Things Worth Knowing, under which are given tested recipes of value to every household. We call special attention to this common sense advice, which if followed will keep you in good health. You have often paid ten times the price of the Annual for information far less valuable than what is here given. (6) Our Missions are represented, together with the Missionary Reading Circle. (7) A condensed report of the work of the National Conference of 1898. (8) A condensed report of the work of the several district conferences. (9) A Church Directory, giving the National and State Organizations. Also other matter of interest. Every home in the church should have this Annual.

### The Evangelist for 1899

The EVANGELIST for 1899 is to be better than ever before. Our motto for the year is, "The EVANGELIST in Every Home in the Church," and it is our purpose to make it worthy of a place in every home in the brotherhood. An effort is now being made to publish a sermon once a month, prepared by representative men of the Brethren church, and to be accompanied by a cut of the author. This will be an interesting feature of the paper, and unless our ministers refuse to furnish the sermons and their photographs, we promise our readers that the sermon and the cut will appear regularly each month. Another interesting feature of the paper is the Young People's Department. Brother Furry is giving special attention to this work, and his weekly suggestions and outlines of work are proving very helpful to our young people. A short contribution is to accompany the topic for Bible study each week, while Brother Yoder will continue his excellent notes. We also announce new and critical notes on the Sunday school lessons with practical and homilectical application. Church news department is to be much enlarged. We are endeavoring to get brief church news once a month

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from every pastor in the church. Missions too, will receive special attention, together with the several other departments of the paper. In our editorials we shall endeavor to give the reader the best we have to give, and such matter as will be helpful in his efforts to attain the higher life in Christ Jesus and qualify him for more efficient church work. Special features now under contemplation will be announced later.

### Our Premium Offer

On page 16 of this issue will be found a special offer to EVANGELIST subscribers. The President of Hiram College, Prof. Zollars, says that "In His Steps," is the greatest book of the century. A new, illustrated edition has been issued by the publishers, and this we offer to our readers on terms which brings it within the reach of all. The beautiful illustrated edition will be sent prepaid for only two new subscriptions. As a present to your friend there is nothing nicer, and for your own use there is nothing better than this book. The offer formerly made is still open and any of our readers can take advantage of it, except that style G is given for four new subscriptions. The three is a mistake. Several agents are at work for the 57 books. The names of those who earn them will be announced. All new subscribers will get the paper from now to the end of 1899 for the price of a year's subscription.

### Meeting of Trustees

The meeting of the Trustees of Ashland College, a call for which appears on another page, will be a very important one, and a full attendance is requested. Let there be a good representation, as provision is to be made for next year's school work. We have reached a period in the history of the institution when the wisest counsel is needed that the work may be well established, a good foundation laid for the future. Ashland College is our only educational institution and as such it should have the fostering care of the entire church. We trust there may be a full attendance of the trustees on the day indicated in the call.

### Our Young People

The regular monthly doctrinal topic for December 11 as indicated on the topic card is "Confirmation." We presume Brother Yoder overlooked the fact, as he prepared notes on the Y. P. C. E. topic, "Minor Virtues." The article on "Confirmation," by Brother Miller, reprint from EVANGELIST of August 19, 1896, is published instead of the notes. There having been no paper last week, the notes for December 4, appear in this issue, accompanied by an article from Brother Cassel.

## Brief Notes

Emperor William says he is on the best of terms with Turkey. If a man is judged by the friends he has, William ought to be ashamed of himself.

Russia with her population of 129,000,000, has only 743 newspapers—but little more than half the number published in the State of Pennsylvania, which has 1,430. A few more good newspapers in Russia would show a better state of civilization; a few less in Pennsylvania would evidence a similar state or condition.

An exchange brings its financial matters before its readers in the following unique way:—There is a little matter which some of our subscribers have seemingly forgotten—some of them made us promises, but have not kept them. With us, it is a very important matter—it's necessary in our business. We are very modest and don't like to speak about it.

Timothy Dwight, President of Yale University, resigned his office because of old age, and this in fulfillment of a determination made years ago to retire when he reaches the age of seventy. The ground of his resignation given in his own words is as follows: It has been my conviction for many years that it is

desirable—alike with reference to his own happiness in the less active and more restful period of life, and as related to the highest interests of the institution—that a person who is placed in the chief administrative office in a large university like this should not continue in that position beyond the age of seventy. In accordance with this conviction I have had the purpose ever since I entered upon the Presidency to offer my resignation at the time I should myself reach that age. As that time has just arrived I make known to you my desire to withdraw from the duties of my office at the close of the present academic year.

That void in the soul which is empty of the ocean of God cannot be filled with any amount of getting. Give your average monopolist the universe for a possession and worlds for small change, and he would immediately fit out an expedition to chase down star dust, comets and meteors.

February 14, 1899, has been set for the meeting of the Third National Congress of Mothers, at Washington, and four days for the length of the session. The officers are especially anxious that all clubs and other organizations intending to affiliate with the National body should send in notifications to that effect at once, in order that they may secure voting representation at the coming Congress.

A man's intimate friends are index fingers to his character. If they are good, chaste, noble, depend upon it that he reflects all these virtues. If they are giddy, impure, intemperate, ungodly, you had better look farther if you wish to find someone who will be useful to an honorable purpose.

There is a saying that discretion is the better part of valor. It is the better part of zeal, too, and makes a good sized asset in the outfit of a preacher and pastor. "Why do I always find you in company with Discretion?" said success to Wisdom. "Because I do not wish to part company with you," replied Wisdom.

Do you want to have your own way? Then do not want to have it and you will have it. There is a wisdom in this which you may attain unto, but not without diligent search therefor. It isn't found on the surface of things. He who prefers another's welfare promotes his own. He who seeks another's happiness multiplies the joy of his own life. There isn't in all the world a bigger fool than Selfishness.

The ministers of Pittsburg, Pa., including those of all denominations, sometime ago held a very interesting service. It was the first "quiet day" service ever held in that city. Over two hundred ministers from the two adjoining cities were present and participated in the exercises. The event was a novel one in the history of local religious work, and promises to be fruitful in good results. The main object of the meeting was the special spiritual preparation of the ministers for the winter's work. Such meetings have been held in other cities with great success, and the promoters of this movement hope to accomplish much good.

## Literary Notes

### LONGFELLOW TO BE ILLUSTRATED

Last year Charles Dana Gibson illustrated "The People of Dickens" for *The Ladies' Home Journal*. The pictures were so successful that this year, and during next year, W. L. Taylor, the New England artist who has made such rapid strides in his art, will illustrate "The People of Longfellow"—also for *The Ladies' Home Journal*. The poems selected are "The Psalm of Life," "Hiawatha," "Evangeline," "The Courtship of Miles Standish," "The Children's Hour," "The Village Blacksmith," and others.

### THE REV. IRL R. HICKS

Annual Almanac and monthly paper, *Word and Works*, are now known from sea to sea. We are pleased to call the attention of our readers to the Almanac for 1899, now ready. It is a splendidly printed and illustrated book of 116 pages and the